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SAM NEWHOUSE, REPORTER

The opioid crisis and surge of fentanyl-tainted drugs has claimed thousands of lives nationwide and in Philadelphia, in recent years exceeding even the annual death toll of AIDS at its worst. But while heroin and other opioids have proven so addictive that even those who want to quit struggle to succeed, some doctors and scientists are still fighting to find cutting-edge treatments that won't fall short. A Philly psychiatrist believes one new medication recently approved by the FDA could lead to significantly better outcomes and even signal "the turning point" of this epidemic. Read more on page 4 and at **metrophilly.us.**

JUSTIN BIEBER, HAILEY BALDWIN ENGAGED

1 Pop singer Justin Bieber became engaged to model Hailey Baldwin over the weekend, according to U.S. media reports on Sunday. The couple dated in 2016 but had broken up. Last month, they appeared together publicly, leading to speculation from fans that they had rekindled their romance, CNN reported. The pair got engaged on Saturday during a trip to the Bahamas, E! News said. Agents for Bieber, 24, and Baldwin, 21, did not immediately respond to requests for comments. Bieber's parents put up social media posts that helped spark speculation about the pair. A tweet posted by Baldwin's father, actor Stephen Baldwin, also seemed to allude to the engagement, saying: "Always pray 4 Gods will !! He is moving in the hearts of JB&HB," according to CNN. The post is no longer on Baldwin's Twitter account. The romantic status of the Canadian-born pop singer, one of the world's biggest-selling musical acts, is of acute interest to his fans. Bieber dated singer and actress Selena Gomez off and on for years.

BRITISH WOMAN DIES AFTER NOVICHOK POISONING

2 A 44-year-old British woman died on Sunday after being exposed to the Novichok nerve agent in western England just a few miles from where Russian ex-spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter were struck down by the same agent four months ago. Police said they were continuing to investigate how Dawn Sturgess and a 45-year-old man, named by media as Charlie Rowley, came across an item contaminated with Novichok, which was developed by the Soviet military during the Cold War. The March attack on the Skripals prompted the biggest Western expulsion of Russian diplomats since the Cold War as allies sided with Britain's view that Moscow was either responsible or had lost control of the nerve agent. Moscow hit back by expelling Western diplomats. The death of Sturgess was being investigated as a murder, police said in a statement. Prime Minister Theresa May said she was appalled and shocked by the death. The poisoning of the Skripals with Novichok was the first known offensive use of such a chemical weapon on European soil since World War II.

CHILI-EATING CONTEST IN HUNAN

3 A contestant lies in a chili-covered pool eating chillies during a chili-eating contest on Sunday in Ningxiang, Hunan Province of China. Tang Shuaihui ate 50 chilies in one minute to win the contest.

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TORRENTIAL RAINS KILL AT LEAST 88 IN JAPAN

4 The death toll from torrential rain and landslides in western Japan rose to 88 people early on Sunday with dozens still missing after the rescue of more than 2,000 stranded in the city of Kurashiki. Evacuation orders were in place for nearly two million people and landslide warnings were issued in many prefectures. In hard-hit western Japan, emergency services and military personnel used helicopters and boats to rescue people from overflowing rivers and buildings, including a hospital. Scores of staff and patients, some still in their pajamas, were rescued from the isolated Mabi Memorial Hospital in boats rowed by members of Japan's Self Defence Forces. A city official said late on Sunday that 170 patients and staff had been evacuated while public broadcaster NHK later said about 80 people were still stranded. "I'm most grateful to the rescuers," said Shigeyuki Asano, a 79-year-old patient who spent a night without electricity or water. "I feel so relieved that I am now liberated from such a bad-smelling, dark place."

10 KILLED AFTER TURKISH TRAIN DERAILMENT

5 Ten people were killed and 73 wounded when a train came off the rails in northwest Turkey on Sunday after heavy rain and a landslide, Turkish television channels quoted a health ministry official as saying. The train was carrying 362 passengers and was headed to Istanbul when five carriages came off the tracks, the transport ministry said in a statement. Images showed several wagons laying on their side and emergency personnel walking to reach the crash site. One survivor, walking along the rail track away from the accident site, told CNN Turk television that he had seen more than 10 bodies. "Unfortunately we have fatalities and casualties," said a statement from the prime minister's office, which claimed the suburban train suffered an accident after a landslide. The local governor in Tekirdag, about 75 miles west of Istanbul, blamed heavy rain for the derailment. "Our helicopter ambulances have reached the site," Mehmet Ceylan said. "Many of those injured have been taken off site." President Tayyip Erdogan's office reportedly sent condolences for those killed.

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Doc: New addiction med could turn the tide of opioid epidemic

Philly is a national epicenter of the opioid epidemic but one doctor sees promising results with a new drug.

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In Philadelphia in 2018, where the epidemic of opioid addiction and related overdoses have spiked in recent years to claim thousands of lives, new medical advances may be bringing doctors closer to finding drugs that can break the hold of what many describe as one of the most powerful chemical addictions known to man.

One new treatment, Sublocade, a once-a-month, extended-release injectable bupenorphine-based treatment, is not yet being offered widely and was just approved by the FDA in November 2017. But Dr. David Clements, founder of Southeastern Executive Health in Rittenhouse Square, said it has shown higher success rates than other treatments out there.

"I think we are at the turning point of this epidemic with these medications."

Dr. David Clements

"I think we are at the turning point of this epidemic with these medications," said Dr. Clements, who got hands-on experience treating patients with Sublocade as an addiction psychiatry fellow at UPenn's School of Medicine. "This is really cutting-edge stuff."

With abstinence-based treatment often failing in the face of powerful opioid withdrawal symptoms, most patients undergo medication-assisted treatment, taking medicine to suppress or satisfy drug cravings. Daily doses of Suboxone (bupenorphine and naloxone) have gotten some 40 to 60 percent of patients to stay sober.

Vivitrol, an extended-release injectable form of naltrexone, was found in a National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) study to be as effective as Suboxone with about half of patients still sober six months later. Some 55 percent of Vivitrol patients reported a decrease in opioid cravings.

Sublocade may work even better because it is an extended-release buprenorphine, which saturates the brain's opioid receptors for opioids, relieves cravings and blocks symptoms of withdrawal, according to Clements.

Dr. David Clements, founder of Southeastern Executive Health in Rittenhouse Square, believes new medications may signify the "turning point" of the opioid crisis with new treatments like Sublocade. COURTESY OF SOUTHEASTERN EXECUTIVE HEALTH

"My belief is sobriety numbers are going to get higher, much higher, up to 70 and 80 percent," he said.

Daily medication for users has been heavily criticized by some addiction experts because addicts may forget to take it, use the meds just to withdraw, hoard and sell it. But Sublocade, like Vivitrol, is administered only once a month. Patients visit a medical office to get their monthly shot, which dissolves into the bloodstream in 30 days.

"You can trade Suboxone for cigarettes or a car ride, or sell them for cash and use the cash to buy something else," Dr. Clements said. "With Sublocade, you're keeping someone psychosocially safe for an entire month, because you're not giving them a tool they can use inappropriately. Patients who use it say it makes a huge difference in not waking up and having a craving, needing to use another medicine, thinking 'I've got to get my Suboxone.'"

Dr. Ken Dickinson, marketing director at Gaudenzia, the state's largest nonprofit addiction treatment and recovery services provider, said time-released monthly meds like Sublocade and Vivitrol do address the issues surrounding daily medication to maintain sobriety.

"It's only natural, people forget, they're not compliant. The big advantage with this is they're going to be compliant, they're not going to have breakthrough cravings and it's not going to be used on the street," Dickinson said. "This injectable can be very successful if it's combined with counseling and therapy."

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Thirteen foreign divers and five SEALs helped guide four boys to safety. GETTY IMAGES

Four boys saved from Thai cave while the rest wait for rescue to resume Monday

Officials are hoping for Sunday-like conditions to continue the rescue.

Four of 12 Thai schoolboys were rescued from a flooded cave on Sunday in a daring and dangerous operation to save the children and their soccer coach who have been trapped underground for more than two weeks.

The operation to rescue the remaining eight boys — some as young as 11 who are weak swimmers — and the coach was called off at nightfall until Monday to give the divers time to replenish oxygen supplies and ensure all preparations were complete.

Thirteen foreign divers and five members of Thailand's elite navy SEAL unit guided the boys to safety through narrow, submerged passageways that claimed the life of a former Thai navy diver on Friday.

"Today was the best day, the best situation in terms of the weather, the health of the boys, our water management for our rescue effort," the head of the rescue operation, Narongsak Osottanakorn, told a news conference.

"Today we managed to rescue and send back four children to Chiang Rai Prachanukrua Hospital safely."

The rescuers needed at least 10 hours to prepare for their next operation, involving about 90 divers in total, 50 of them from foreign countries, he said.

A helicopter flew the four boys to the nearby city of Chiang Rai, where they were taken by ambulance to the hospital.

Their ordeal has drawn huge media attention in Thailand and abroad, and getting the boys out safely could be a boost for Thailand's junta ahead of a general election next year.

"Today is D-Day," Narongsak had earlier told reporters.

Bursts of heavy monsoon rain soaked the Tham Luang Cave area in northern Chiang Rai province on Sunday and storms were expected in coming weeks, increasing the risks in what has been called a "war with water and time" to save the team.

The boys, aged between 11 and 16, went missing with their 25-year-old coach after soccer practice on June 23. They had reportedly set out on an adventure to explore the cave complex near the border with Myanmar and celebrate a boy's birthday.

"Today was the best day, the best situation in terms of the weather, the health of the boys, our water management for our rescue effort."

Narongsak Osottanakorn

The rescue teams had rehearsed the plan for several days, Narongsak said, and had managed to drain the cave water level considerably, but needed to move fast.

"If we wait and the rain comes in the next few days we will be tired again from pumping and our readiness would drop. If that's the case, then we have to reassess the situation," he said.

"We can only carry on the operation once we are ready and this will be done soon because the air tank and other systems have to be reinstalled," he told reporters later.

"... I can't give you an exact number but it should be more than 10 hours but not exceeding 20 hours. The conditions must be stable like today before we can continue the operation."

An Australian doctor checked the health of the boys on Saturday night and gave the all-clear for the operation to proceed.

The boys were discovered by British divers Richard Stanton and John Volanthen on Monday. REUTERS

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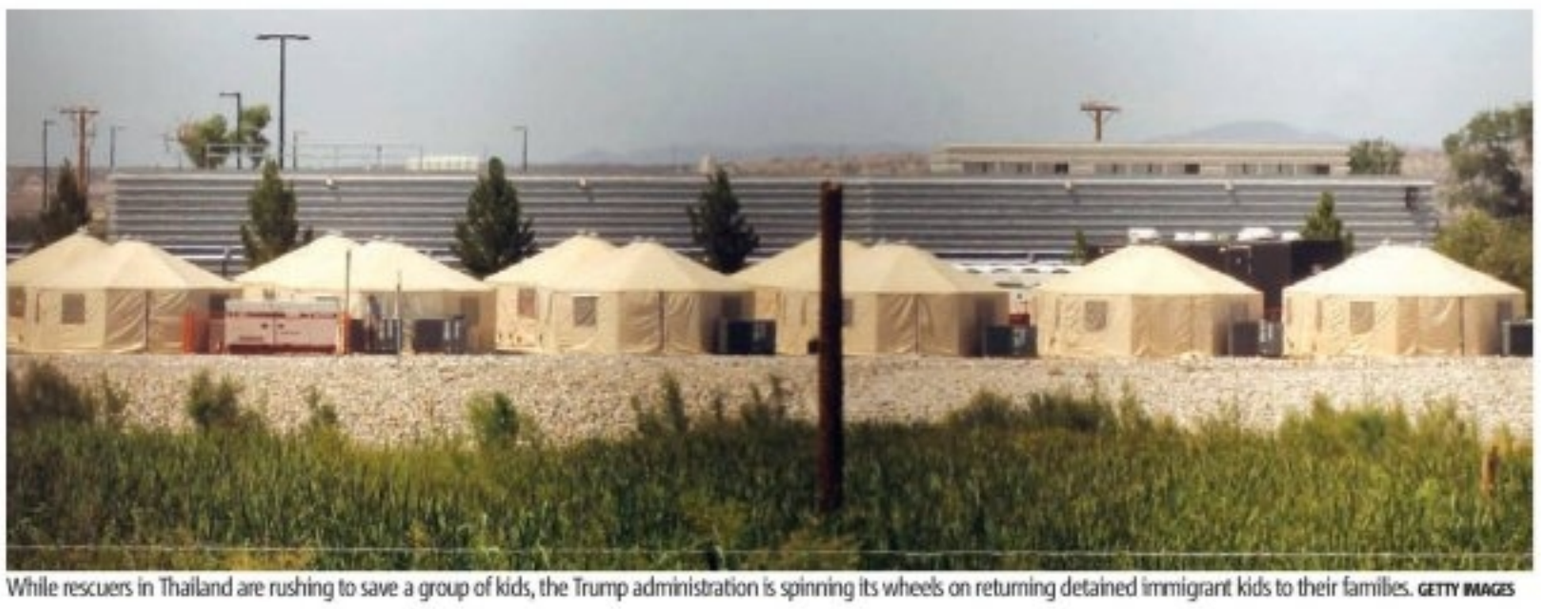

While rescuers in Thailand are rushing to save a group of kids, the Trump administration is spinning its wheels on returning detained immigrant kids to their families. GETTY IMAGES

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TRAPPED IN A CAVE, TRAPPED IN A JAIL

Analysis

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Q: What's the difference between innocent children trapped in a cave in Thailand and innocent children trapped in an immigrant jail in the United States?

A: In Thailand, rescuers are hurrying to free the innocents. In America, the government is doing everything it can to extend their captivity.

It was thrilling on Sunday to watch the first of a dozen Thai soccer boys pulled from that flooded cave outside Mae Sai. The courage of the scuba rescuers, the exuberant celebration of the boys' teammates, the heart-pounding cheers from around the world. Heavy monsoon rains were threatening. The danger hadn't passed as rescuers raced against time for a full extraction. No one could breathe relief until all of the boys were safely out of there.

Meanwhile, at the U.S. immigrant-detention centers in Texas and elsewhere? Boys and girls, some just a few months old, are still apart from their parents and still being held behind bars despite court rulings and sputtering promises from the White House. The headlines report more excuses, more cruelty and more delay. "Trump admin lost track of parents of 38 young migrant children." "Trump administration seeks more time to reunite some migrant families split at border." "Trump admin hands over names of children under 5 separated at border." "Judge rejects Trump request for delay to reunite kids at border."

Are we really being bested by the decency of Thailand?

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As that inspiring soccer rescue unfolds before our eyes, we would all do well to recall the universal good feeling flowing around the globe from rural Thailand. It may be a while before we get another dose of it around here.

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Police investigate arrest of 14-year-old at zoo

Zoo officials claim the teen was harassing patrons and their employees.

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Police have opened an investigation into the arrest of a 14-year-old boy who was arrested at the Philadelphia Zoo on Friday. Many are questioning if his arrest was warranted.

Video footage of the teen's arrest shows him being taken in by two Philadelphia police officers outside the grounds of the zoo, according to Action News.

Philadelphia Zoo security reportedly called authorities, complaining that the boy and a group of others were soliciting money from patrons. When the security guard asked them to stop, the 14-year-old reportedly made a threat to the guard, which prompted zoo staff to call police.

Philadelphia Zoo FACEBOOK

The boy's arrest is now being compared to the recent controversial arrest of two Philly men at a local Starbucks. Philadelphia Police Captain Sekou Kinebrew is now heading up an investigation into the arrest of the unidentified teen to see if his arrest was extreme and inappropriate.

"We're looking at all of that, whether the issuance was proper, whether the control holds were proper, and the entirety," he said.

Hans Menos of the Police Advisory Commission also questioned if the arrest of the teen boy was handled correctly.

"I don't have enough information to say this wasn't handled perfectly. I don't believe it was," said Menos.

"I think we need to start thinking as a city, citizens, as corporations and businesses, when do we want to infuse a police interaction into what we can handle on our own," said Menos.

The Philadelphia Zoo has since shared that the 14-year-old and the group he was with has previously been at the zoo soliciting patrons as well as throwing rocks and harassing the security guards.

Concerned citizens have sought to arrange an upcoming meeting with the Philadelphia Zoo now that the troubled boy has been arrested.

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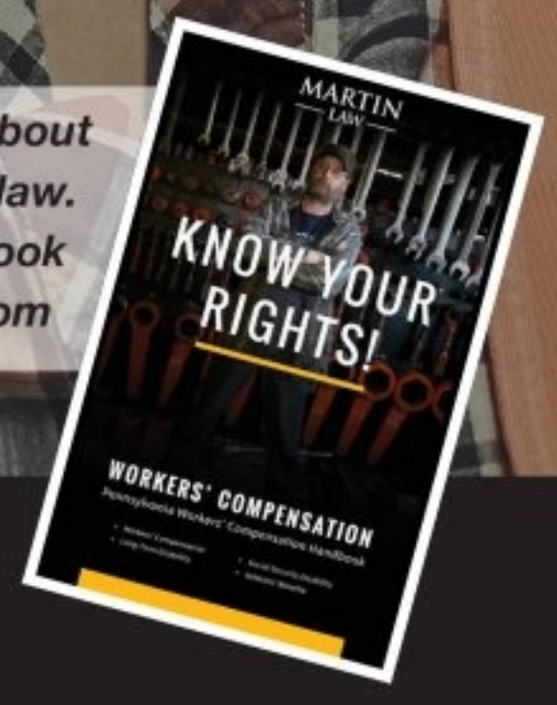

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DA charges suspect in SEPTA sex assault

A 17-year-old female was sexually assaulted at the City Hall SEPTA station last week.

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The Philadelphia District Attorney's Office charged a 23-year-old man on Saturday in the sexual assault of a teenager at a SEPTA train station earlier this week.

According to 6 ABC, David Smith of Philadelphia was brought to the police station on Wednesday evening. He was picked up by authorities in Upper Darby after becoming a person of interest in the case as he matched the physical description given by the victim.

Smith is currently being held on a handful of charges that range from rape to sexual assault and multiple firearm charges.

SEPTA sexual assault suspect David Smith FACEBOOK

While picking up Smith, police discovered that he had a loaded Glock 9mm handgun.

"We strongly believe, based on what we have, that he is the person. So, I just wanted to give some assurances that we believe it's him," said Capt. Sekou Kinnebrew.

He added: "That said, Special Victims still has a lot of work to do, firmly connecting him to the crime and making sure we have everything firmed up for a successful prosecution."

Smith is accused of approaching the 17-year-old female victim just before 10 p.m. on Tuesday at the City Hall SEPTA station. The 23-year-old suspect is said to have pulled out a gun, using it to threaten the victim while he forced himself on her and performed a sex act.

"It appears he's armed with a gun and he confronts her with that gun then attacks her," said SEPTA Police Chief Thomas Nestel.

"This is an unusual event for us. This is horrifying," Nestel said. "What he did was vile."

"The summer of a 17-year-old girl is supposed to be spent doing things that are remembered for a lifetime," Nestal shared. "This attacker created a nightmare for her."

Smith reportedly fled the SEPTA stop after committing the sexual assault. Police have been on the hunt for him ever since.

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Philly chefs' shore bet

Atlantic City's casino culinary scene features big-name local restaurateurs.

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The rush of fresh and returning superstar restaurants coming into Atlantic City's new casinos — to say nothing of successful eateries in the Jersey Shore's established slots salons — is as thrilling as the promise of sportsbook betting. "It feels awesome again, being in AC," said Iron Chef Jose Garces, a man who knows about casino cuisine.

That focus on casino dining is no surprise: For a town that's watched its fortunes rise, fall and rise on the broad and often weary back of gambling, AC's palaces learned to find fortuity in fine, diverse culinary enterprise. Ask brand-name chefs Michael Symon, whose Angeline is part of the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa along with Bobby Flay's Steak. Or Gordon Ramsay, whose eponymous Steak house recently opened at Harrah's Resort, a follow-up to his Pub & Grill at Caesars.

For the money, however, it is top-tier Philadelphia chefs and restaurateurs that drive AC's culinary scene. Owned by Larry Cohen, Barry Gutin and Guillermo Pernot, Cuba Libre has been AC's Latin dining-and-dancing domain at the Tropicana for a decade-plus. Stephen Starr's Continental Atlantic City and Buddakan, both at Caesars' Pier Shops since 2007, are part of the firmament. Michael Schulson of Harp & Crown, Double Knot and the soon-to-open Giuseppe & Sons, not only started his restaurant with Izakaya at Borgata, he opened that casino-spa 15 years ago as one of its first restaurants.

> **"It's amazing to have that place, after four years, come back."**
> Garces

Then there is Garces, whose newly redone Amada tapas joint and Distrito food truck are back where they belong — Ocean Resorts Casino, the one-time Revel hotel-casino he helped open in 2012 and, closed after bankruptcy in 2014.

"It's amazing to have that place, after four years, come back," said Garces — staring out into the sky, sea and sand before him — about his renewed relationship with Ocean Resorts' address. "It's a moment I have been anticipating. Every year since Revel's close, I've kept watch."

Garces stayed close to the 500 Boardwalk address, not only through contact with new owner, Bruce Deifik, but courtesy from the guy that Deifik bought the Revel property from in January 2018: Glenn Straub, the Florida developer who purchased Revel out of bankruptcy in April 2015.

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After Revel opened, and its casino rolled snake eyes, what rolled 7s and 11s was Garces' Spanish tapas joint and his nu-Mexican food truck. "Our restaurant concepts succeeded there," he said. These victories in AC allowed Garces Restaurant Group to expand into other cities. "The thrill came from the popularity of the brand before we headed down the shore. AC was still a home market as many of our Philly customers travel to Atlantic city. Expansion meant taking advantage of the popularity Amada had built in Old City. When people vacationing in AC recognize the brand, recognize Amada, they check us out; a strategic move for what was — and is, still — our strongest concept."

Garces remained so close to the spirit of Atlantic City that, in 2015, he started conversations with then-Tropicana VP Alan Rivin and CEO Tony Rodeo. The Tropicana approached the chef based on the success of what Garces' called a "unique product and great following in Amada."

What made the Tropicana's proposition sweeter was that the space being offered was as wide, as it was long and fueled by Garces' whim. "Anytime, someone gives me license as a artist, I feel fortunate to create a vision behind the physical design and the cuisine," he said.

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ANALYSIS

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CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously."

If President Donald Trump is truly intent on building a wall with Mexico, perhaps he should construct it from all the allegations of ethics violations that piled up against his head of the Environmental Protection Agency, Scott Pruitt. Because it's a trainload.

Pruitt has stepped down now, but the sheer volume of claims against him was impressive even by D.C. standards. For months he was pelted with almost daily questions about his spending of tax dollars, his first-class travel, his security arrangements, and what critics called a sweetheart apartment lease from a lobbyist. A former aide told CNN Pruitt routinely had his schedule scrubbed to eliminate any record of controversial meetings. And if all that didn't have ethics watchdogs howling loudly enough, the Washington Post says Pruitt even had a staffer asking around about a possible business deal for his wife with Chick-fil-A.

Of course, his resignation note said not a word about anything he might have done wrong. He praised the president effusively, then pawned off his ill fortune in a line: "…bthe unrelenting attacks on me personally, my family, are unprecedented." It was an echo of Trump's constant claims of media mistreatment, and why not? Throughout much of the turmoil, Trump stood by him saying, "Scott Pruitt is doing a great job … he is being attacked very viciously by the press."

EPA Chief Scott Pruitt has resigned amid scandal. GETTY IMAGES

In one way, Trump was correct. Pruitt ripped up much of the nation's rulebook for environmental stewardship with ruthless efficiency, slashing regulations on everything from factory emissions to clean water. Trump thought many of those rules were hogwash anyway, and if he was willing to be the hatchet man, the White House was happy to let him hack away. And even as he headed for the exit, the president refused to give any credence to the critics.

But make no mistake: Pruitt is not out because of some imaginary media cabal. He wasn't tanked by a conspiracy of White House foes or rabid tree-huggers. He's packing his boxes because the number and weight of the ethics complaints against him was too heavy even for this White House to shrug off as fake news. And that's saying something.

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Glory in defeat — crowds hail Russia World Cup team

Despite Saturday's loss, the team bowed out as heroes.

Russia's quest for a World Cup title fell short after Saturday's loss to Croatia in the quarterfinals. GETTY IMAGES

Tens of thousands of Russian soccer fans gathered in Moscow on Sunday to cheer the national team after its narrow defeat to Croatia brought an unlikely World Cup run to an emotional end.

Despite Saturday's defeat, Russians have been celebrating, proud of a campaign which saw their players reach the last eight after starting out as the lowest-ranked team in the tournament.

For many fans, the fact that Russia lost only in a penalty shootout against a team widely considered to be one of the most skilled in the tournament was a victory in itself.

"We came to support our team as we do not think they lost," said Kristina Ladygina, waiting at the FIFA "fan fest" zone for the players to appear.

"We did win," Ladygina said. "Most importantly, they won for us, for the whole country and they won a place in our hearts."

Looking cheerful, the players and their manager walked out on stage to roars of "thank you" and "well done" from the crowd. They took photographs of themselves with the crowd and unfurled a banner saying "we play for you."

"We played with our souls and with our hearts, thank you so much. These guys made history and you are the best!" captain and goalkeeper Igor Akinfeev said.

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GOING TOO HARD ON HOLIDAYS

A Metro Philly reader sent us a Grumble about being kept up by her neighbors shooting off fireworks on the Fourth of July until the early hours in the morning. As much as everyone likes to partake in the festivities on this holiday, where do we draw the line? Sometimes people go way too hard on America's birthday, and because the holiday fell on a weekday this year, it was a total nuisance for people who had to shuffle off on their morning commute on the fifth. But it's not just the 4th of July that people go absolutely nuts for. Take St. Paddy's Day: Do people really need to get so belligerently drunk and rowdy in honor of a saint who (according to legend) led the snakes out of Ireland? Just the reputation alone for some of these party holidays will make you want to stay indoors and not venture into the streets. Look, I'm all for celebrating. But finding that perfect balance of keeping fun traditions alive and partying for the sake of partying is key to being respectful of neighbors who may not have the same amount of enthusiasm as you. Rein it in, people. Some of us are trying to sleep!

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Taurus Your desire for change must not be confused with what's actually doable. Don't lose sight of your original idea or you will end up going over budget or taking on too much.

Gemini Put your energy into doing things for yourself. The effort you put in will save you money and help you build the confidence required to take on more complex projects.

Cancer f you expand your interests, you will come in contact with someone who motivates you to achieve your dreams. Personal gains are within reach. Change should be welcome.

Leo Hold on to what you've got rather than trying to jump into something new. Patience will be required. Listen to your inner voice.

Virgo If you take a greater interest in what others are doing, you'll learn something that will help you bring about personal change. A lifestyle adjustment will be energizing.

Libra Take stock of the past and make a couple of changes that will help you spend less money. Monitoring your habits will be liberating and will lead to a healthy and fruitful future.

Scorpio Look at the logistics of a situation before you decide to engage in it. Know what and who you are up against before you begin a discussion that could lead to an irreversible event.

Sagittarius Let your free-spirited, adventurous side take the reins. Trips, meetings and educational pursuits will lead to new beginnings and interesting prospects. A romantic gesture will intrigue you.

Capricorn Put a minimum and maximum in place when dealing with financial affairs. A change of hear will leave you wondering what went wrong. Conside your options and proceed with caution.

Aquarius It doesn't matter who said what, it matters who did what. Don't fall short on your promises, and make positive adjustments that will secure your personal finances and impress a loved one.

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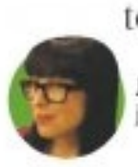
The Laurels at West Laurel Hill recently opened their Pet Center, where families can make arrangements for their pets and more. ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

Did you know West Laurel Hill has a pet cemetery?

Here's what you need to know.



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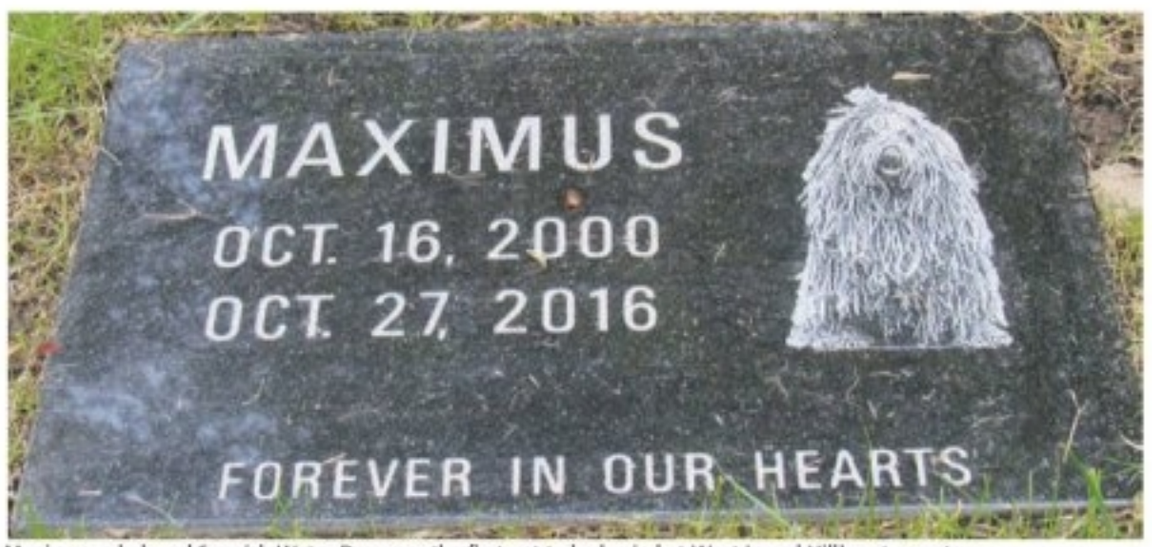

Maximus, a beloved Spanish Water Dog, was the first pet to be buried at West Laurel Hill's pet cemetery.

According to the American Veterinary Association, there are 70 million pet dogs in the United States and 74.1 million pet cats. What's more, six of 10 pet owners consider their pets family members.

So when a pet passes away, giving it a proper burial is a no-brainer. Luckily for Philadelphians, West Laurel Hill Cemetery and Funeral Home recently began providing a full range of pet services for families.

"We talked about having pet services for at least 10 years," says Deborah Cassidy, director of sales, marketing and family services at West Laurel Hill. "Pets are people — they are important members of the family."

The pet-services arm of West Laurel Hill falls under the name The Laurels, and its development comprises three parts.

"First, we needed to find the location," Cassidy says. "We have a space that can be expanded up to 3 acres, but now we only have an acre developed. Then we had to renovate the house, and then renovate an area near the house where we put the actual aquamation center in."

So what is aquamation? According to Cassidy, it's a more environmentally-friendly spin on cremation, with one-tenth of the carbon footprint of flame cremation.

"A regular crematory is 1,800 degrees, whereas aquamation is all water-based," she says. "Pets are placed into the unit, and it's mostly water and a small part lye. The residual that's left is eco-friendly, and we can even use it to water grass and things like that."

In Pennsylvania, aquamation is legal only for pets, and this is the first pet cemetery in the state to provide the service, according to Cassidy.

Offering this option for pet owners is part of West Laurel Hill's larger commitment to sustainability.

"We have a huge sustainability initiative," Cassidy says. "Between our reclamation site, our green burial site Nature's Sanctuary, changing our lights to LED and the internal processes that we do, we're always thinking about sustainability. We started it about three years ago."

Of course, if you want to give your pet a traditional burial and forgo cremation, that is still an option.

"There are three different packages for that: small, medium and large, depending on the size of your pet," Cassidy says. "Prices range from $1,000 to $3,000. That includes the casket, the transfer, the interment fees, the grave itself and the marker."

Since The Laurels opened, five pets have been buried, including Maximus — a beloved Spanish water dog from the Glassman family.

"The arrangements, the support, the help and the site, were beyond any expectations we could have had," says David Glassman, Maximus' owner. "The service was presided over under a tent by our rabbi on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. Because of the West Laurel Hill staff, it was both a celebration of Max's life with us and a way to mourn his passing. West Laurel Hill understands the value and important role pet's share in a family, and the trauma experienced by everyone when they pass on."

There is room for 600 pets to be buried, but more space will become available when the time comes.

"We usually wait until we're halfway full to begin the next phase of development," Cassidy says. "We don't want to have to turn someone away."

The Laurels at West Laurel Hill is located at 225 Belmont Ave., in Bala Cynwyd.

For more information, visit: westlaurelhill.com.

'I do not take off the crown' OZZY OSBOURNE

The Godfather of Heavy Metal chats about music and his final tour.

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Ozzy Osbourne performs at the PPL Center in Allentown on Aug. 30. GETTY IMAGES

Why did you decide to do a farewell tour? And it isn't even the first time...
This is not a farewell tour. I just decided to slow down and spend more time with my family.

I will continue to work on music and give concerts from time to time. But there will no longer be around-the-world tours. We decided to call it "No More Tours 2," as we thought it was a funny reference to my 1992 farewell tour.

What do you want to say to your fans during this last world tour?
As I said before, this is not the end. I'm just not going to tour the world for a long time.

You are called the "Godfather of Heavy Metal." How has the genre change since the beginning of your career?
I started out as a big brother of heavy metal. But now, it seems, the family has grown significantly, which allowed me to become its godfather. It is a great honor for me to be a member of this family.

> *"The world was very kind to me. No one is eternal, and there are things that I regret, but I cannot change anymore."*

Is there a person to whom you could give the crown of the heavy metal king?
I do not take off the crown. That is not my style.

Do you plan to release a new album?
I have some great songs and ideas ready to record. But they need to be carefully prepared for this.

Soon you will celebrate your 70th birthday. How do you feel about it?
Now I think less about my death than in my younger years. Of course, I cannot complain about anything in my life.

The world was very kind to me. No one is eternal, and there are things that I regret, but I cannot change anymore. I am surprised about some of my actions in my youth, and I am grateful for my life and family.

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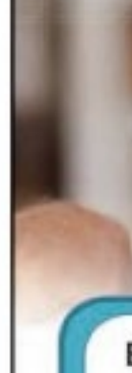

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In April, the majority of the original "Jersey Shore" cast members returned for a special reunion series titled "Jersey Shore: Family Vacation." The initial show dominated the reality television scene from 2009 to 2012, when its six seasons ran on MTV, but now? Sure, viewers are happy to see everyone sans Sammi "Sweetheart" Giancola back together again, but isn't there another American beach to ogle?

Thanks to "Floribama Shore," there is.

What is "Floribama Shore"i about?

According to MTV, "Floribama Shore" trades the Jersey beaches for Panama City Beach along the Gulf Coast, the area's "hottest beach town." Once there the show follows "eight young adults who... party it up and put the real world on hold for just a little bit longer."

The promotional materials laud it as a "coming-of-age story" that "captures the very real thrill and angst of being young and trying to figure out the future." Maybe this is true, but let's be honest. If you're tuning in to watch MTV's latest take on the "Jersey Shore" formula for a new audience and a new decade, then you're watching for the best relationship and social drama reality television can produce.

Why you should binge ahead of 'Floribama Shore' season 2

Like "Jersey Shore" before it," "Floribama Shore" follows the same cast from season to season. This isn't like "Survivor" or "Big Brother," where the island castaways and house members are

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The gang's back for another season. ALL PHOTOS MTV

exchanged each season. So if you didn't follow along for the first season's eight episodes between last November and this January, then you may want to go back and catch up.

Meet the cast

As Deadline reported back in May, all of the original season 1 cast members would be returning for "Floribama Shore" season 2. The group includes Jeremiah Buoni, Codi Butts, Kortni Gilson, Aimee Hall, Kirk Medas, Nilsa Prowant, Candace Rice and Gus Smyrnios, all of whom are back in Panama City Beach for Spring Break "to see what life's next chapter holds."

How to binge "Floribama Shore"

To catch up on season one, audiences can binge all eight episodes at MTV's website or on demand, courtesy of their cable provider.

"Floribama Shore" season 2 premieres tonight at 10 p.m. on MTV.

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"Whitney" the documentary is now in theaters.

It's time to take Whitney Houston seriously

Director Kevin MacDonald talks us through his expansive and startling documentary.

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When he was approached to make a documentary about Whitney Houston, Kevin MacDonald had absolutely no interest in doing so. The Scottish director of "One Day in September," "Touching The Void" and "Marley" had long lost patience and sympathy with the legendary singer because of "her endless tabloid exploits and battle with drugs," which culminated with her death at the age of 48 on Feb. 11, 2012.

But eventually, that was exactly the reason why MacDonald decided to oversee "Whitney," as it gave him the opportunity to explore how Houston's self-destructive behavior affected her extraordinary singing talent. Especially as he wanted to give pop-culture aficionados the chance to finally appreciate and take Houston seriously.

This task proved to be a lot more difficult than MacDonald could have envisioned. Not only did he immediately realize that those close to Houston were repeatedly lying to him in interviews, but there also was very little material for him to work off, too.

We recently caught up with MacDonald to chat about how he was still able to cobble together a riveting and eye-opening documentary about the music icon.

Why Whitney Houston?
I was first approached about two-and-a-half years ago, in January 2015, by the producers. My first reaction was, "I am not really interested in Whitney Houston." They said, "No, she is more interesting than you think." I shared the same opinion as most people. I had lost sympathy with her through her endless tabloid exploits and battle with drugs. It was hard to have compassion for someone who is such a self-destructive addict.

They asked me to meet a couple of people, one of whom was Nicole David, Whitney's film agent for her entire career. She emotionally asked me, "I really want you to make this film because I loved Whitney, but never understood her. I need somebody to help me understand how she ended up the way she ended up." So, we wanted to celebrate her music and celebrate it in the context of a way that humanizes Whitney. So that was very appealing to me.

And then I read this New Yorker article about her singing "The Star-Spangled Banner," and the way that song is sung and understood, particularly by African-Americans. And I thought, "What an amazing thing, to have changed the meaning of a national anthem. Particularly the American one." Those two things meant that I could make a really interesting film about her, but one that would be investigative and a detective story that tried to figure out who she was and why she had such a tragic path.

Was there a specific aspect of Whitney that you wanted to explore?
My whole interest in the film was to see if I could make a serious film about a person who is not taken seriously. A serious film about a tabloid figure and a seemingly superficial tabloid celebrity. Can they say something serious about our times and about race and about identity, and at the same time, be a moving personal story? That was my aim. In some ways, it is a perverse aim, because you are setting yourself a challenge. You're saying, "This is somebody that nobody really takes seriously. But can I make them take [her] seriously?"

Were any aspects of her life that you thought you would cover but fell by the wayside?
Not necessarily anything that fell by the wayside, but I just thought that it

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The new film takes a closer look at the life of the music icon.

Director Kevin MacDonald had to dig deep to find the truth behind the singing legend. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

would be an easier film to make. As I looked more and more into Whitney, she gave very few interviews. And when she did, they were mostly so superficial, and she was clearly not engaged. She had no diaries or letters, and she didn't really leave much behind for us to interpret her. She didn't write most of her own songs, like Amy Winehouse did. With Whitney, it was her interpretive powers that were so amazing, not the works themselves reflecting her life.

She was an enigma. That was frustrating as a filmmaker because you can't seem to get at someone or find someone inside them. At the same time, it just makes you more intrigued. I thought it would be a lot easier than it was. Especially because I had the permission of the family to make the film, and they were willing to give me interviews, archive footage and access to people.

But actually, of course, they themselves were very protective. So it took a long time, months and months, and several interviews each. I have interviewed several of the family members at least three times to try and peel away the layers to try and get it. What became the key to the film was what Gary Houston says, "We were a family with a lot of secrets. And if you don't talk about your secrets they never go away." It took a long time to get that.

Talk about working so closely with the family.

Right at the start I told them I was only interested in doing the film as long as I had control over the editorial content. They gave me the final cut of the film, but were very nervous. At first they said all the right things: "We want to make the film to understand Whitney and there's so much that people will get wrong." I think they are right — there is so much of her perception that people do get wrong. But at the same time, they weren't really willing to go beyond platitudes themselves. It took a long time, to begin with some of them were actually quite dismissive and aggressive. But by the end of it, the two brothers, Michael and Gary, especially, told me, "This has been the therapy that I needed to have. We are glad that we did it, even though it was painful."

You said you'd never worked on a documentary where so many people told so many lies. What was your process in that regard?

The process of it was simple. There was so little of interest written about Whitney and so little research that I could do that I just started interviewing people. I didn't want to just interview people on the phone, I wanted to interview people on film. So my research was the filming. Most of what I was discovering and finding out, well 95 percent of it, was on camera. So that has pros and cons. I interviewed a lot of people, in fact I wasted a lot of money and time talking to people that in the end wouldn't give me anything, wouldn't open up or just didn't have anything to say. There were also a lot of lies. There was a woman called Lynn Volkman, who was Whitney's publicist for years, who started to cry when I asked, "Why is everyone lying?" She said, "The thing is, Kevin, we have all spent so long covering for Whitney — 20, 30 years lying. Lying to the public, to the fans, to the record company about her addiction, where she was, her sexuality. We have all gotten so used to it. It is very hard to tell the truth and move on from that without feeling like you are betraying her.'"

"Whitney" is now in theaters.

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After a difficult start when he came over from the Cleveland Indians during the offseason, Phillies slugger Carlos Santana is starting to put things together in Philadelphia this season. GETTY IMAGES

Carlos Santana finally beginning to feel at home with Phillies

The veteran first baseman is transitioning from American League play.

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Carlos Santana knew it would be different. He knew coming to a new league, after eight years in the American League with Cleveland would take an adjustment.

Facing different pitchers, unfamiliar ballparks, new teammates. Basically a completely different culture from the Indians, who'd been to the postseason the previous two seasons and come agonizingly close to winning the 2016 World Series, only to blow a three-games-to-one lead to the Cubs.

Not only that, but friends were telling him he was making a mistake.

"People asked me 'Why go there? It's a bad team,'" recalled Santana, who's quietly emerged as one of the mainstays on a Phillies team now challenging the surprising Braves in the NL East. "I don't listen. I don't listen to something negative.

"I decided to come. It was hard for me at first. Now I'm comfortable. My teammates are great. We're playing well and my energy is different. I like it."

Not many Phillies fans were liking the 32-year-old Santana, though, when he got off to a brutal start, hitting just .153 through April. While Gabe Kapler kept pointing out he was consistently making good contact but just hitting the ball right at people, Santana knew better.

Simply because he'd been there before.

"This is not the first time I've been in that situation," said Santana, who proceeded to hit .281 with seven homers and 22 RBIs in May and has continued to produce since. "All of my career I've been much better the second half.

"I don't know why. Maybe the cold weather bothers me. But mentally I always finish strong."

With 14 homers and 48 RBI through the Fourth of July, Santana is on pace to top his career-best 87 RBI in 2016, though likely not the 34 homers he bashed that year.

Not quite as noticeable but invaluable in setting the table for others and driving up pitch counts, he could shatter his 2014 career-best 113 walks.

"This is my first year taking more than 50 walks in first half," said Santana, who's already drawn a team-high 65 free passes. "It's the same strike zone (as the A.L), but there are a lot of pitchers I don't know.

"That's why I'm taking so much."

Which comes as no surprise to one veteran Santana watcher.

"He's just a guy who gets on base and gets walks," said Baltimore Orioles' manager Buck Showalter. "Walks are walks and are going to correlate in either league. But Philadelphia was very picky about who they wanted to work with their young guys. They made a good addition and picked a good guy in Carlos."

"I'm not fighting every at-bat. The pitchers know me. I know them."

Carlos Santana

By the same token, Santana is more convinced by the day he picked a good team coming here.

"We're playing much better," said Santana, who originally signed with Dodgers out of the Dominican in 2004 and played in the minors with Clayton Kershaw and Kenley Jansen, before being dealt to Cleveland in 2008. "We're fighting for the division or the wild card. It's a long season, but I'm confident in my team."

The feeling is mutual towards the guy making the transition to a new league about as seamlessly as possible.

"Now I'm not fighting every at-bat," said Santana, who for the most part has been as slick as advertised with the glove at first base. "The pitchers know me. I know them."

And if there was ever a doubt - the Phillies now know that having finally settled in here, Carlos Santana will continue to make his presence felt both on and off the field.

Can Nola capture Cy Young?

Nola has had his breakout campaign in 2018.

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The Phillies have been one of the great stories in baseball this season. Under new manager Gabe Kapler, the Phillies are not only in contention to win a wild-card spot in the National League, but potentially the N.L. East division crown.

Two of the main reasons why the Phillies have played well this year is due to a patient approach at the plate and stellar starting pitching.

When you think of how great the Phillies' starting pitching has been this season, the first guy that comes to mind is Aaron Nola.

Nola is dominating the competition and cementing himself as one of the best young pitchers not only in the National League but in the game of baseball. This season, the Phillies' ace has a record of 11-2 with an ERA of 2.41 to go along with 116 strikeouts over 116 innings pitched. Simply put, the fourth-year pitcher is excelling on the mound.

With the way he is pitching, could Nola possibly win the N.L. Cy Young Award? It is definitely feasible, but Nola does have some stiff competition.

Most of that competition comes from his own division as both Washington Nationals pitcher Max Scherzer and New York Mets pitcher Jacob deGrom have dominated on the mound.

Scherzer is putting together another masterful performance this season for the Nationals. The 33-year old has a record of 11-5 with an ERA of 2.33, plus 177 strikeouts over 127.2 innings pitched.

With those types of numbers, the former two-time N.L. Cy Young Award winner is the frontrunner of this group.

This season, Scherzer also leads the National League with an eye-popping 12.5 strikeouts per nine innings. Nola, however, only has 9.0 strikeouts per nine innings, which isn't bad at all.

But what about deGrom? If he could actually get some run support, then his W-L record would look better than it does now (5-4). He leads the National League with an ERA of 1.79 and boasts 142 strikeouts over 115.1 innings pitched. Just like Scherzer, deGrom has a high strikeout per nine innings with 11.1, placing him fourth in the N.L.

In addition to those three pitchers, you cannot forget about Jon Lester with the Chicago Cubs.

Lester is having a fine season himself with a record of 11-2 and an ERA of 2.25. However, unlike the three other N.L. East, he does not have a high amount of strikeouts with 79 over 100 innings pitched.

Nevertheless, this is the competition that Nola faces if he wants to capture his first N.L. Cy Young Award.

It will not be easy as the other three pitchers have great accolades and stats attached to their names. But what could work in Nola's favor is if he help can propel the Phillies to the playoffs.

Philadelphia is a year ahead of schedule and if they can continue their hot play throughout the rest of the season with Nola leading the charge, it would be tough to overlook him in the Cy Young race.

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In 116 innings pitched so far this season, Aaron Nola has struck out 116 batters.

The Phillies ace has enjoyed his best season to date in 2018. GETTY IMAGES

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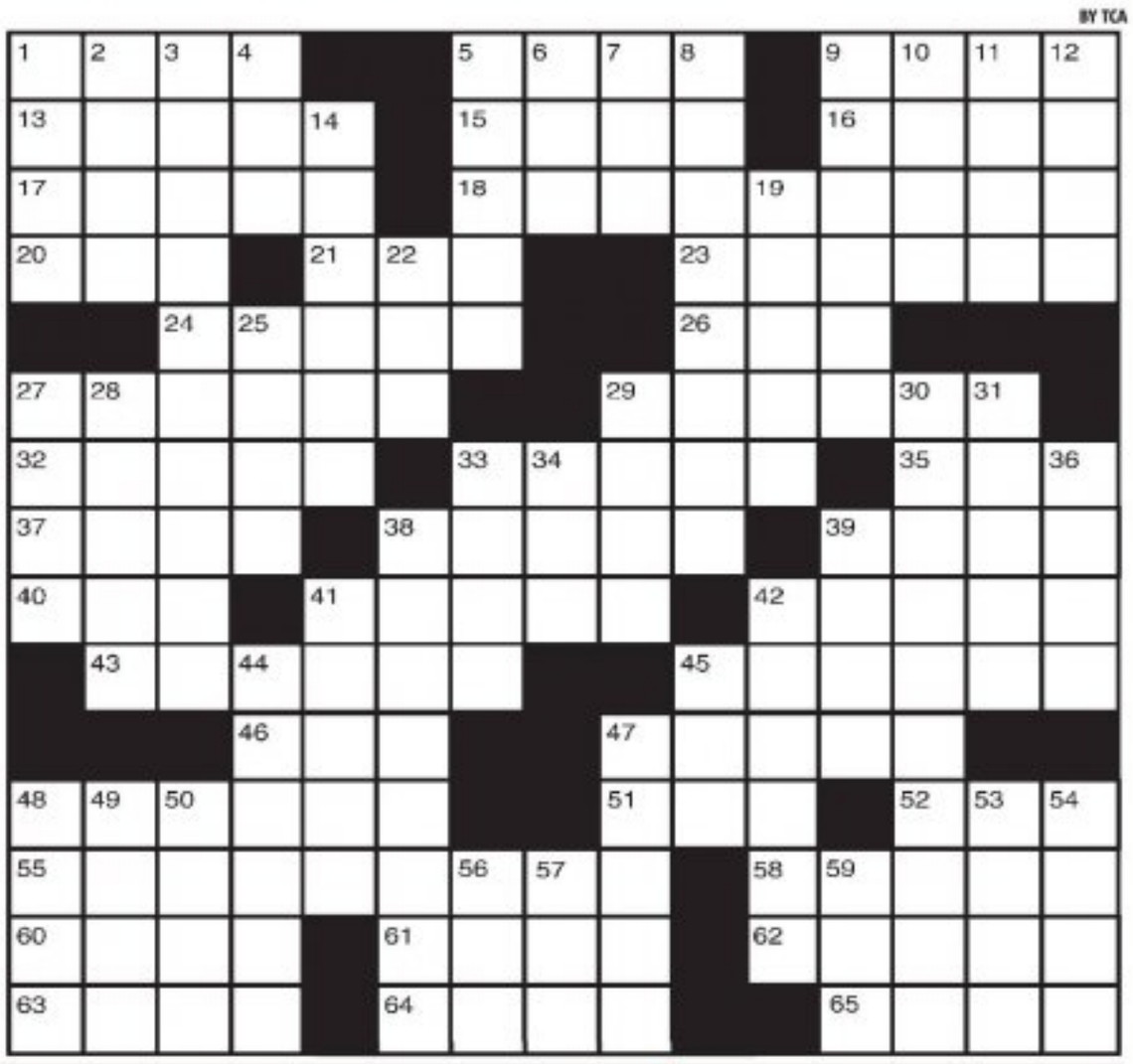

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5 Circle portions
9 Like a baby's skin
13 Type of eclipse
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16 Doesn't __ for; dislikes
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18 Give insight to
20 Whitney or Wallach
21 Knock
23 Self-confident
24 Damp
26 Scouring pad
27 Artist's purchases
29 All __; clumsy
32 __ enough; ironically
33 Move over a bit
35 Hole-maker
37 WWII turning point
38 Fragment of glass
39 Hunted animal
40 Beautician's offering
41 __ away; amazed
42 Not smashed
43 Conquer
45 Take out text
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1 "__ Skies"; Irving Berlin song
2 Slowdown in activity
3 Threaten
4 Not up to __; feeling lousy
5 Skillful
6 Gallop
7 Coolidge, to friends
8 Careless; slovenly
9 Religious split
10 Dinner in the barn
11 On the house
12 Take care of
14 Conversation piece
19 __ with; date
22 Burro
25 "I __ Have Eyes for You"
27 Pea casings
28 Found a total
29 Having mixed feelings
30 Haircut shop symbol
31 Good-natured
33 Injection
34 Crow's comment
36 Early harp
38 Basketball player's feat
39 Former Olympics sport
41 Human __; person
42 Irish __; reddish pooch
44 Hot dogs
45 __ slow burn; get increasingly angry
47 Rejuvenate
48 Cries
49 __ or false test
50 Marathon
53 Wise __ owl
54 Bank teller's call
56 Heavy weight
57 Suffix for consider or consul
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